cording to the latest available estimates, India's total external debt as on 30th September, 1995 is as under:—

	U.S. Dollar million	Rupee Crore
Total long-term debt	89353	303071
Short-term debt	4490	15248
TOTAL	93843	318319

(b) India's external debt is well within manageable limits as indicated by debt service and other indicators. No special negotiations are envisaged for debt write-offs.

Cases before Company Law Board

3538. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and nature of cases Company Law Board received during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the number of cases disposed of by the Board during this period; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Board for early disposal of pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the year 1994-95 and 1995-96, Company Law Board (CLB) received 5,752 and 6,087 cases respectively. The cases mainly relate to amendment in object clause of Memorandum of Association, condonation of delay in filing Company Law Board's orders, non-payment of matured fix deposits, issue of redeemable preference shares in case of non-redemption of irredeemable preference shares, rectification of Members' Register, extension of time for issue of share certificate, condonation of delay in filing particulars of charge or modification of charge, power to call annual general meeting, oppression and mismanagement, appointment of Government Directors, compounding of offences and investigation of companies etc.

(b) 11,189 cases were disposed of by CLB during this period.

(c) Thre posts of members of CLB are likely to be filled up shortly as result of which disposal of cases is expected to improve.

Issuing of Bonds by Financial Institutions

3539. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of increasing credit demand, a large number of Financial Institutions like ICICI, SCICI, IFCI, IDBI are coming up with issue of bonds to mop up and harness public and small depositiors' funds by way of fixed deposits offering attracting returns;

(b) if so, the details of the bonds issued by various institutions during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far and the total amount of funds collected under each Bond Scheme; and

(c) what is Government regulation or control over these bonds?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information provided by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the details of public issue of bonds by financial institutions namely IBDI, Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI), Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI) and SCICI Ltd. and amount of funds collected during the year 1994-95,